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Revelers across the U.S. brave heat and heavy downpours to celebrate Fourth of July

By STEVE LeBLANC
Associated Press

BOSTON (AP) — Revelers across the U.S. braved heat and heavy rain to take part in Fourth of July activities Tuesday — celebrating the nation's founding with parades, fireworks and hot dog eating contests at a time of lingering political divisions and concerns about the country's future.

In Boston, people dodged raindrops to nab a coveted space on the grassy oval in front of the Hatch Shell along the Charles River ahead of the traditional Boston Pops Fireworks Spectacular. Hundreds of thousands of partygoers typically line both sides of the river for the fireworks spectacular that follows a concert.

At another longstanding celebration, fans of competitive eating crowded to watch Nathan's Famous Fourth of July hot dog eating contest held in the Coney Island section of New York City.



Republican U.S. Sen.-elect and Missouri Attorney General Eric Schmitt delivers a victory speech, Nov. 8, 2022, in Maryland Heights, Mo.

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Heavy downpours interrupted the contest, but after the pause, Joey "Jaws" Chestnut swallowed 62 franks and buns in 10 minutes.

"What a roller coaster, emotionally," Chestnut said. The 39-year-old from Westfield, Indiana first competed for the Nathan's title in 2005 and hasn't lost it since 2015. New York wasn't the only state where weather factored into events. The 10-kilometer Atlanta Journal-Constitution Peachtree Road Race that typically draws thousands of runners in humid summer weather was cut short due to possible thunderstorms.

Farther north, storms were possible from the Dakotas and Minnesota south through Kansas and Missouri, endangering cookouts and fireworks shows. Hail the size of ping pong balls was reported in southeastern South Dakota.

The fireworks show in Yankton, South Dakota, was postponed until Wednesday night because lightning prevented crews from setting up the display. In Nebraska, the Omaha Symphony's Independence Day Celebration that includes a concert and fireworks shows were also postponed until Wednesday night.

New Orleans residents welcomed rain and slightly



James Tyler, 19, tilts his head back so the popcorn he is eating on the back of a decorated Jeep won't catch on his artificial Uncle Sam mustache after Tuesday's Independence Day parade in Buffalo Gap, Texas Tuesday, July 4, 2023.

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cooler conditions after days of heat and humidity baked the city. The General Roy S. Kelley fireboat was returning to New Orleans Riverfront for a patriotic water show, sending streams of red, white, and blue water into the air.

While the holiday put a spotlight on how Americans carry different views of patriotism, many people embraced the holiday with whimsy and a sense of community. In Hannibal, Missouri, the hometown of Mark Twain, the Fourth of July weekend coincides with

National Tom Sawyer Days. Fence-painting and frog-jumping contests were held. Altoona, Iowa, dubbed its celebration "CORNival." In addition to the nod to America's birthday, the festival marks the 100th anniversary of the first acre of commercial hybrid seed corn, grown and harvested in Altoona in 1923. Twenty 6-foot-high fiberglass corn cob statues decorated by local artists were being unveiled and will later be placed around the town of 21,000 residents. In Joppatowne, Maryland,

hundreds of people lined up at a Sheetz gas station to pump regular fuel at \$1.776 per gallon, WBAL-TV reported. Sheetz set the price per gallon in commemoration of the year the Declaration of Independence was signed, according to a statement posted on the company's website.

And in the east Tennessee city of Gatlinburg held its annual Independence Day midnight parade early Tuesday. George Hawkins, who created the parade, died Saturday, news outlets reported.

Running events were a feature of many celebrations. In Lexington, Kentucky, about 2,000 people ran through the city's downtown, Stephanie Thurman told WKYT-TV that the race had been on her bucket list. "I started these races here in 2019; I turned 50. That was one of the things on my bucket list, so I did that, and ever since then, I was bit by the bug."

A fireworks explosion Monday in western Michigan killed one woman and left nine other people with injuries ranging from critical to minor, the Ottawa County Sheriff's Department said.

Early Tuesday, improperly disposed of fireworks tossed into a bin started a blaze that destroyed two homes in Parker, Colorado, just southeast of Denver, according to fire officials.

Some cities were eschewing firework displays for shows in which drones fitted with lights are coded to create massive, moving shapes in the sky. Lake Tahoe, California, Salt Lake City, and Boulder along with a few other Colorado towns, have opted for the aerial spectacles that can display an expansive American flag and the year 1776 in red, white and blue. Avoiding explosive fireworks limits the danger of fires in states already devastated by massive burns. □



The White House is seen, July 30, 2022, in Washington.

Associated Press

By COLLEEN LONG and
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Associated Press
WASHINGTON (AP) — The

White House was briefly evacuated Sunday evening while President Joe Biden was at Camp David

Suspicious powder found at the White House was cocaine, AP sources say

after the Secret Service discovered suspicious powder in a common area of the West Wing, and a preliminary test showed the substance was cocaine, two law enforcement officials said Tuesday.

Secret Service agents were doing routine rounds on Sunday when they found the white powder in an area accessible to tour groups, not in any particular West Wing office, the officials said. The officials were not authorized to dis-

cuss an ongoing investigation and spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity.

The complex was evacuated at about 8:45 p.m. Sunday as fire and emergency crews were brought in to do a rapid test, which preliminarily identified cocaine. The White House was soon reopened and the powder was sent for further testing. Biden and his family left for Camp David on Friday and returned to the White House on Tuesday.

The Secret Service said in a statement the White House was closed as a precaution as emergency crews investigated, and that the District of Columbia fire department was called in to evaluate and determine that the substance was not hazardous.

"The item was sent for further evaluation and an investigation into the cause and manner of how it entered the White House is pending," the Secret Service said. □

Injunction blocks Biden administration from working with social media firms about 'protected speech'

By JIM SALTER

Associated Press

A judge on Tuesday prohibited several federal agencies and officials of the Biden administration from working with social media companies about "protected speech," a decision called "a blow to censorship" by one of the Republican officials whose lawsuit prompted the ruling.

U.S. District Judge Terry Doughty of Louisiana granted the injunction in response to a 2022 lawsuit brought by attorneys general in Louisiana and Missouri. Their lawsuit alleged that the federal government overstepped in its efforts to convince social media companies to address postings that could result in vaccine hesitancy during the COVID-19 pandemic or affect elections.

Doughty cited "substantial evidence" of a far-reaching censorship campaign. He wrote that the "evidence produced thus far depicts an almost dystopian scenario. During the COVID-19 pandemic, a period perhaps best characterized by widespread doubt and uncertainty, the United States Government seems to have assumed a role similar to an Orwellian 'Ministry of Truth.'"

Republican U.S. Sen. Eric Schmitt, who was the Missouri attorney general when the lawsuit was filed, said on Twitter that the ruling was "a huge win for the First Amendment and a blow to censorship."

Louisiana Attorney General Jeff Landry said the injunction prevents the administration "from censoring the core political speech of ordinary Americans" on social media. "The evidence in our case is shocking and offensive with senior federal officials deciding that they could dictate what Americans can and cannot say on Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, and other platforms about COVID-19, elections, criticism of the government, and more," Landry said in a statement.

The Justice Department is reviewing the injunction "and will evaluate its options in this case," said a White House official who was not authorized to discuss the case publicly and spoke on condition of anonymity.

"This administration has promoted responsible actions to protect public health, safety, and security when confronted by challenges like a deadly pandemic and foreign attacks on our elections," the official said. "Our consistent view remains that social media platforms have a critical responsibility to take account of the effects their platforms are having on the American people, but make independent choices about the information they present."

The ruling listed several government agencies, including the Department of Health and Human Services and the FBI, that are prohibited by the injunction from discussions with social media companies aimed at "encouraging, pressuring, or inducing in any manner the removal, deletion, suppression, or reduction of content containing protected free speech."

The order mentions by name several officials, including Health and Human Services Secretary Xavier Becerra, Department of Homeland Security Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas and others.

Doughty allowed several exceptions, such as informing social media companies of postings involving criminal activity and conspiracies; as well as notifying social media firms of national security threats and other threats posted on platforms.

The plaintiffs in the lawsuit also included individuals, including conservative website owner Jim Hoft. □



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Five dead in Philadelphia-area shooting that's nation's worst violence yet around July 4

By TASSANEE VEJONGSA
Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — A 40-year-old man with a rifle, a pistol, extra magazines, a police scanner and a bulletproof vest fatally shot four men in a Philadelphia neighborhood and chased and killed a fifth man inside a house, police said.

A 2-year-old boy and a 13-year-old were also wounded in the Monday night violence that made the working-class area of Kingsessing the site of the nation's worst violence around the July 4 holiday. The gunman fired at police as they chased him for blocks, police said. When they caught up, he surrendered in an alley, Police Commissioner Danielle Outlaw said at a news conference. The shooter had no connection to the victims before the shooting, she said.

"Thank God our officers were on the scene and responded as quickly as they did. I can't even describe the level of bravery and courage that was shown, in addition to the restraint that was shown here," Outlaw said.

At a holiday weekend block party in Baltimore, about 90 miles (145 kilometers) to the southwest of Philadelphia, two people were killed and 28 others



Police on the scene of a shooting Monday, July 3, 2023 in Philadelphia.

were wounded in a shooting. More than half of the victims were 18 or younger, officials said.

In Philadelphia, officers were flagged down at about 8:30 p.m. Monday. Multiple calls reporting shots fired also came from Kingsessing. Police found some victims and heard more shots as they were helping them, Outlaw said. Police told Fox 29 that a fifth victim had been chased into his home and shot to death. Bullet casings were found outside the home.

A second person was also taken into custody and

may have returned fire at the suspect. Police did not know whether there was a connection between the two, Outlaw said.

She said that officers found dozens of shell casings strewn across eight blocks. "You can see there are several scenes out here," Outlaw said. "We're canvassing the area to get as much as we can, to identify witnesses, to identify where cameras are located and to do everything to figure out the why," Outlaw said. About four hours after the Philadelphia shooting, gunfire rang out at a neighbor-

hood festival in Fort Worth, Texas, leaving three people dead and eight hurt.

Philadelphia police on Tuesday afternoon identified the victims there as 20-year-old Lashyd Merritt, 29-year-old Dymir Stanton, 59-year-old Ralph Moralis and 15-year-old Daujan Brown, all pronounced dead shortly after the Monday night gunfire; and 31-year-old Joseph Wamah, Jr., who was found in a home early Tuesday, also with multiple bullet wounds.

A 2-year-old boy shot four times in the legs and a

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13-year-old shot twice in the legs were in stable condition, as were a 2-year-old boy and a 33-year-old woman injured by shattered glass.

Tim Eads said that Monday night he heard fireworks, then gunshots, and saw police cars "flying by." His wife was on the second floor "looking out the bay window and saw the shooter actually coming down this street here behind me." Eads saw the other man with a pistol who, Eads said, may have been firing at the shooter.

"He was using my car as a shield shooting out into the street," Eads said.

A resident named Roger who declined to give his last name said he and his family were eating in the living room at about 8:30 p.m. when they heard eight to 10 gunshots.

"Everybody thought it was fireworks but ... been around here about three years so I heard it enough," he said. "I looked out the window and seen a bunch of people running."

He said he heard about four more shots and "thought it was the end of it." Ten minutes later, he said, police came "flying down here," and about five minutes later he heard rapid gunfire open up right outside the house. □

Joey Chestnut shakes off rain delay and defends title at Nathan's Fourth of July hot dog contest



This year's woman's champion Miki Sudo, left, and man's champion Joey Chestnut, center, stand together during the 2023 Nathan's Famous Fourth of July hot dog eating contest in the Coney Island section of the Brooklyn borough of New York, Tuesday, July 4, 2023.

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Eating superstar Joey "Jaws" Chestnut shook off a rain delay and gobbled his way to another win at Nathan's Famous Fourth of July hot dog eating contest, downing 62 franks and buns in 10 minutes. Chestnut out ate runner-up Geoffrey Esper and the rest of an international field of 15 competitive eaters by double digits to clinch his 16th title. Esper, of Oxford, Massachusetts managed to ingest 49 hot dogs and buns. In the women's con-

test, defending champion Miki Sudo forced down 39 1/2 hot dogs and buns to collect her ninth Mustard Belt. But before the men could compete, stormy weather moved over New York City's Coney Island and delayed the competition for two hours.

"What a roller coaster, emotionally," Chestnut said after riding out the rain and wondering whether the famed contest would go on at all. The 39-year-old from Westfield, Indiana first competed for the Nathan's

title in 2005 and hasn't lost it since 2015. His best finish was in 2021 when he tallied 76 hot dogs, but Tuesday's weather disruption made a repeat impossible.

Sudo beat Mayoi Ebihara's 33 1/2 hot dogs in 10 minutes in a women's event that appeared to be much closer until the final count was announced. The unofficial real-time counter showed the two leaders tied throughout much of the competition. A final count of plates settled the score. □

The leaders of the Netherlands and Luxembourg tell Kosovo and Serbia to normalize ties for E.U. hopes

By FLORENT BAJRAMI and
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Associated Press

PRISTINA, Kosovo (AP) — The leaders of the Netherlands and Luxembourg on Tuesday said that normalizing ties between Kosovo and Serbia would serve not only regional peace and stability but also their prospects of future integration into the European Union.

Prime Ministers Mark Rutte of the Netherlands and Xavier Bettel of Luxembourg were on a trip to Pristina after a visit to Belgrade on Monday.

They both called on Kosovo and Serbia to de-escalate recent tensions that have threatened to push the Balkan region into instability as Europe faces Russia's aggression in Ukraine.

"We are here to listen. And we are here to try to build these bridges which are sometimes, between neighbors, not that easy to build," said Bettel, adding "so we have to avoid every new crisis."

"I believe this is necessary not only for peace and stability in the region, but also for the prospects of further EU integration," Rutte said. Tensions between the two countries flared anew in



Serbia's President Aleksandar Vucic, right, welcomes Netherlands' Prime Minister Mark Rutte, center, and Luxembourg Prime Minister Xavier Bettel at the Serbia Palace, in Belgrade, Serbia, Monday, July 3, 2023.

May after Kosovo police seized local municipal buildings in Serb-majority northern Kosovo to install ethnic Albanian mayors who were elected in an April election that Serbs overwhelmingly boycotted. Violent clashes injured 30 international peacekeepers and more than 50 ethnic Serbs, stirring fears of a renewal of the 1998-99

conflict that left more than 10,000 people dead, mostly Kosovar Albanians. The U.S. and the EU have pressed Serbia and Kosovo to take steps to lower tensions. Normalization of relations is the key condition for the two countries to move forward in their efforts to join the 27-nation bloc. Just four months ago, Serbian President Aleksandar Vucic and Kosovar Prime

Minister Albin Kurti gave their tacit approval to a EU-sponsored plan to end animosity and help improve their ties in the longer term. But the agreement unraveled almost immediately as both leaders appeared to renege on their commitments.

When EU envoy Miroslav Lajcak visited Pristina on Tuesday, Kosovar leaders gave a positive reception

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to the three requests from Brussels to lower tensions with Serbia. They include de-escalation efforts, fresh election in the four Serb-majority municipalities and return to the EU-facilitated dialogue on normalization of their ties.

After a long meeting with Kurti, Lajcak said they agreed to continue talks on the concrete steps toward de-escalation.

Belgrade and Kosovo's Serbs want special police forces to leave the northern area, while Pristina says the number will be gradually reduced.

Belgrade also wants the release of Serbs detained for alleged violence against Kosovar police, journalists and international peacekeepers. The Kosovo government says a normal legal process will be held for them, inviting the EU to monitor.

On Wednesday Lajcak goes to Belgrade.

"I'm optimistic that good minds will prevail," said Rutte, adding that de-escalating the latest tension was the first step to take and immediately "try to get back to a process, a step-by-step process to make it again." □

The Taliban are outlawing women's beauty salons in Afghanistan

By RIAZAT BUTT
Associated Press

ISLAMABAD (AP) — The Taliban are banning women's beauty salons in Afghanistan, a government spokesman said Tuesday.

It's the latest curb on the rights and freedoms of Afghan women and girls, following edicts barring them from education, public spaces and most forms of employment.

A spokesman for the Taliban-run Virtue and Vice Ministry, Mohammad Sidik Akif Mahajar, didn't give details of the ban. He only confirmed the contents of a letter circulating on so-

cial media. The ministry-issued letter, dated June 24, says it con-

veys a verbal order from the supreme leader, Hizbullah Akhundzada. The



Beauticians put makeup on customers at Ms. Sadat's Beauty Salon in Kabul, Afghanistan, Sunday, April 25, 2021.

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ban targets the capital, Kabul, and all provinces, and gives salons throughout the country a month's notice to wind down their businesses. After that period, they must close and submit a report about their closure. The letter doesn't give reasons for the ban.

Its release comes days after Akhundzada claimed that his government has taken the necessary steps for the betterment of women's lives in Afghanistan. It drew criticism from human and women's rights defenders on social media. The United Nations on Tuesday also said it was

engaged with the authorities in Afghanistan to get the ban on beauty salons reversed. The U.N. mission in Afghanistan, or UNAMA, took to Twitter, urging the Taliban to halt the edict.

"This new restriction on women's rights will impact negatively on the economy & contradicts stated support for women entrepreneurship," it said. Earlier, one beauty salon owner said she was her family's only breadwinner after her husband died in a 2017 car bombing. She didn't want to be named or mention her salon for fear of reprisals. □

U.N. nuclear agency endorses Japan's plan to release treated radioactive water into the Pacific Ocean

By MARI YAMAGUCHI

Associated Press

TOKYO (AP) — The U.N. nuclear agency gave its endorsement on Tuesday to Japan's planned release of treated radioactive wastewater into the sea from the damaged Fukushima nuclear plant, saying it meets international standards and its environmental and health impact would be negligible.

The plan is opposed by groups in South Korea, China and some Pacific Island nations because of safety concerns and political reasons. Local fishing organizations are worried that their reputation will be damaged even if their catch isn't contaminated.

Rafael Mariano Grossi, the head of the International Atomic Energy Agency, submitted its final assessment of the plan to Prime Minister Fumio Kishida on Tuesday.

The report is a "comprehensive, neutral, objective, scientifically sound evaluation," Grossi said. "We are very confident about it."

The report said IAEA rec-



Rafael Mariano Grossi, Director General of the International Atomic Energy Agency, left, presents IAEA's comprehensive report on Fukushima Treated Water Release to Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida, right, at the prime minister's office Tuesday, July 4, 2023 in Tokyo.

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ognizes the discharge "has raised societal, political and environmental concerns, associated with the radiological aspects." However, it concluded that the water release as currently planned "will have a negligible radiological impact on people and the environment." Japan's plan and

the equipment for the discharge are "in conformity with the agreed international standards and its application," Grossi said. He said the dilution of treated but still slightly radioactive wastewater for gradual release into the sea is a proven method widely used in other countries, in-

cluding China, South Korea, the United States and France, to dispose of water containing certain radionuclides from nuclear plants. Much of the Fukushima wastewater contains cesium and other radionuclides, but it will be filtered further to bring it below international standards for all

but tritium, which is inseparable from water. It then will be diluted by 100 times with seawater before it is released. But Haruhiko Terasawa, head of the Miyagi prefectural fisheries cooperatives, said they will continue to oppose the release while concerns remain.

"The treated water is not a problem that ends after a single time or a year of release, but lasts as long as 30-40 years, so nobody can predict what might happen," he told TV Asahi.

Japan has sought the IAEA's support to gain credibility for the plan. Experts from the U.N. agency and 11 nations have made several trips to Japan since early 2022 to examine preparations by the government and the plant's operator, Tokyo Electric Power Company Holdings. Some scientists say the impact of long-term, low-dose exposure to radionuclides remains unknown and urge a delay in the release. Others say the discharge plan is safe but call for more transparency in sampling and monitoring. □

China restricts exports of high-tech metals in a slap at Washington ahead of Yellen's visit

BEIJING (AP) — China has imposed export curbs on two metals used in computer chips and solar cells, expanding a squabble with Washington over high-tech trade ahead of Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen's visit to Beijing this week.

The controls on gallium and germanium are intended to "safeguard national security," the Commerce Ministry said late Monday. It said exports will require official permission once the rules take effect Aug. 1 but did not say what restrictions might be applied.

Chinese leader Xi Jinping's government is frustrated by U.S. curbs on access to advanced processor chips

and other technology on security grounds. But Beijing has been slow to retaliate, possibly to avoid disrupting China's fledgling developers of chips, artificial intelligence and other technology.

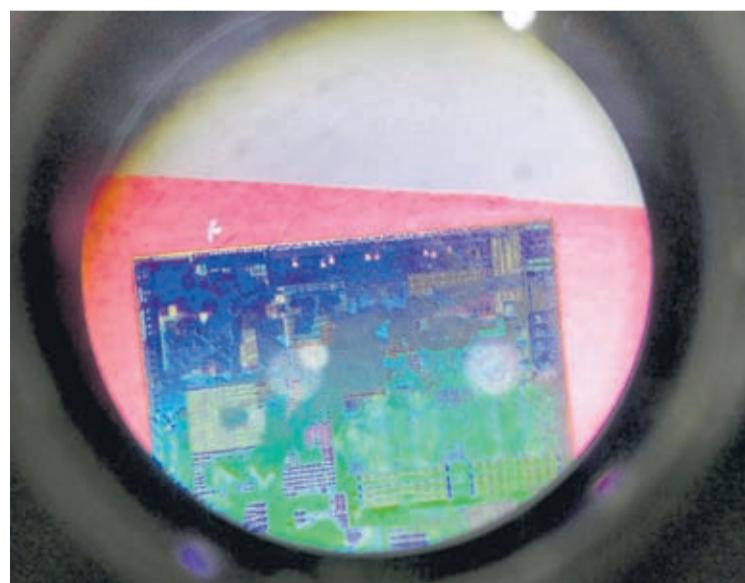
Yellen is due to arrive Thursday as part of efforts by the Biden administration to revive relations that have plunged to their lowest level in decades due to disputes about technology, China's military buildup, human rights and other irritants.

China is the biggest global source of gallium and germanium, which are produced in small amounts but are needed to make

computer chips for mobile phones, cars and other products, as well as solar panels and military technology.

The United States gets about half its supply of both metals directly from China, according to the U.S. Geological Survey. China exported about 23 metric tons (25 tons) of gallium last year and produces about 600 metric tons (660 tons) of germanium per year.

The United States has blocked Chinese access to advanced chips and the technology to manufacture them and has persuaded allies the Netherlands and Japan to limit exports of chipmaking tools. □



A Chinese microchip is seen through a microscope set up at the booth for the state-controlled Tsinghua Unigroup project which is aimed at driving China's semiconductor ambitions during the 21st China Beijing International High-tech Expo in Beijing, China, on May 17, 2018.

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Don't forget to visit Aruba's famous Red Anchor

At the south east coast of the island, standing alone on a windswept and barren land stands a popular Aruba landmark – a large anchor. It overlooks the sea just beyond, watching over the shipping lanes. It stands there in memory and in honor of all seamen who have lost their life at sea.

Where to Find the Anchor?

The anchor is a "must see" landmark when you visit Aruba. It is among the most photographed historical landmarks for the island. You want to make sure you add this stop on your itinerary when your visiting the south coast of Aruba. The bright red anchor against the backdrop of the deep blue Caribbean sea and the azure blue skies, make a great backdrop for your vacation pictures.

The anchor is located at the entrance to Gate 6 to the former Lago Colony. It is on the outskirts of Seroe Colorado, on the south east point of the island at the "T" junction to Baby Beach.

Depending on where you are staying on the island, follow the signs that indicate the way to Baby Beach. Once you reach the T-junction, it will be right in front of you.

About the Anchor

Size

It will be hard to miss the anchor, it's huge! The anchor that weighs 21,772 kilos, is approximately 10 feet 6 inches wide and 15 feet, 6 inches tall.

On the anchor there are some numbers. The 4112 and 4115, which are believed to be the serial numbers that refer to the "fluke" or horizontal and vertical parts of the anchor, respectively. The number 21772K refers to the weight of the anchor in kilos.

This type of anchor was manufactured by Hoesch Dortmund Horde, at a foundry located in Germany.

Where did the Anchor Come From?

There are a number of stories as to the origins of the anchor, which one do you think it was? (Unfortunately the mystery has never been solved, so your imagination can pick which one you think it might be!)

Story 1:

"According to Mr. Manuel M. Curiel, an ex-Lago Tug Captain, a fully laden VLCC (Very Large Crude Carrier) was seeking a mooring at the 15-mile anchorage, known as Bara, on the southern part of the island. This is the usual shallow

mooring location for ships awaiting orders, etc. The weather was rough with strong current. The normal procedure is that they would walk out three shackles (about 90 feet) until the anchor touches the bottom while the chain must rest on the bottom. Subsequently, they will walk out some extra shackles and when the ship starts to swing or lean on one side, the anchor is properly set. Because of the rough weather, unfortunately they did not get the time to walk out the extra tackles and because of the tension exerted on the winch, it broke, and they lost the anchor and its chain."

Story 2:

"Mr. Curiel also said that at one time a small tanker with a Korean crew, while lifting their anchor also lifted another anchor near the inner harbor. When the ship asked for assistance, he went with his tugboat along with a barge, to help. But eventually they had to cut the chain and let the anchor go to the bottom because they could not untangle them."

How Did The Anchor Become a Landmark?

Sometime between 1980 and 1985, three gentlemen (Mr. Wim Martinus – the Harbormaster of Aruba; Mr. August Genser – the ex-Division

Superintendent of Lago's Laboratory; and Mr. Willie Davis – Owner of Filtec at Zeewijk in San Nicolas), were having a conversation with Mr. Charlie Brouns Jr. at his famous Charlie's Bar and Restaurant in San Nicolas. Charlie, who was a visionary and had dreams for developing the San Nicolas area, told these gentlemen that he would like to come up with something innovative for the San Nicolas area to draw tourism to the area.

The "anchor", which at that time was being stored at the Oranjestad harbor, was suggested as an option. Charlie liked the idea! He then contacted the President of Lago for permission to acquire the anchor. He was granted permission and the anchor was then relocated to its present location and dedicated "To All Seamen" on the occasion of the closing of the Lago Oil Refinery on March 31, 1985.

Through the Years

Through the years the Anchor was slowly weathering from the wind and salt. As time passed, sadly the origin and purpose of the anchor slowly faded away from people's memories.

After Charles Brouns Jr died on September 15, 2004, his friend Mr. Sam Speziale, requested assistance

from the management of Valero Aruba Refinery to help maintain the monument. The Valero Aruba Refinery, graciously sandblasted and painted the anchor and poured a concrete pad around it. On April 17, 2005, the anchor monument was rededicated "To All Seamen" in a formal ceremony in memory of Charles Brouns Jr.

Today, the anchor stands both as memorial to all seaman who have lost their lives at sea, but also as a silent reminder that Seroe Colorado is part of San Nicolas and that San Nicolas is still a vibrant and important part of the island of Aruba.

The Best Time to Visit

When your planning your visit to the south end of the island, you will want to include in your itinerary the many things to see and do there. The anchor will be just one of these stops, (keep an eye out for our future editions, we publish our recommendations!).

With that being said, I have to say, if you enjoy catching a sunrise, the anchor is one of the best places on the island to catch the sunrise. But in reality, anytime is a good time to visit, depending on your personal schedule. □



The Red Anchor situated at the entrance of former Lago Colony in San Nicolas



ORANJESTAD - The Playa Linda Beach Resort is highly identifiable for its many-tiered design that has been a part of the island landscape for almost the entire length of Aruba's tourism industry, and holds the distinction of being one of the island's first timeshare options. It celebrates its 40-year history this month, with employees, members and guests joining the celebration from its prized location on Palm Beach. Over its long history, this beachside resort has become a beloved place to stay, for its high level of guest care and small community experience at the center of the island's best places to eat, shop and play.

The resort first opened its doors back in 1983, after the completion of its first wing. There were only 78 units at its opening, but immediately drew interest for its prime location and intimate appeal. Its appeal grew with the resort maintaining its community-minded environment, and remains a particular favorite among families. Today it offers 217 suites, with a wide diversity of ways to vacation with options including studio, one-bedroom, two-bedroom, and lanai suites, townhouse apartments as well as outstanding views from penthouse and rooftop suite accommodations.

All three of its construction phases were realized through the efforts of a team of local, visionary industry leaders, including developer Raymond Maduro of Sun Development, architect Dan Oduber, contractor Henk Bijen of Albo Aruba and René Nieuwkerk, who was Playa Linda's first general manager. Each



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played their part in contributing to the Playa Linda as it is today, distinctive for its design and remarkable for its upscale, yet still homey atmosphere.

Rene Nieuwkerk, Playa Linda's first general manager when the resort opened in 1983, recalls the early years, when Aruba's tourism as well as its timeshare product was still in its infancy. "At that time, people were not familiar with timeshare, but once potential buyers received a view of the Playa Linda, from the site as well as from sea, with a special boat contracted just for that purpose, it was an easy sell," comments René smiling, as he nostalgically remembers the first days of the Playa Linda Beach Resort.

The success of the resort throughout the years is clearly demonstrated in its sold-out status year-round, almost right from the start, and with many of the original owners of the resort still returning each year as well as also bringing in other family members and friends. Today, owners at the Playa Linda Beach Resort can compose different generations of the same family group. Loyalty and love of the Playa Linda is not only shown in its number of original owners, but also in several members of the staff who are still at the resort, thirty-plus and forty years later.

In the present day, Playa Linda GM Peter van Grinsven, together with Operations Director Sulaika Kelly and Finance Director Ann Brinkman, continues to guide the resort as it evolves its high-end appeal while maintaining a warm, welcoming atmosphere. Peter, who has been with the Playa Linda for 21 years and its general manager for the last seven years, remarks that the resort's charm is very much based on the familiarity of home. "A lot of our employees have been with the resort for many years. As much as we strive for our guests to enjoy a home-away-from-home setting, we do the same for our employees. The quality of our accommodations, combined with the community feel, is what helps set us apart."

Since its opening, the Playa Linda Beach Resort has led the way in defining island comfort and warm hospitality as well as demonstrating a dedication to sustainable development. The Playa Linda was the first to put chickees on the beach, bringing in Seminole Indians from Florida for their construction, and was the first resort on Aruba to offer a free-form pool as well as a lush, mature garden. In recent years, Playa Linda has endeavored to realize environmentally-friendly operations, and was the first resort on Palm Beach to achieve ISO-14001 certification.

Comfort, community and unrivaled island and oceanfront views continue to be at the heart of the Playa Linda's success. After forty years, the beachfront, timeshare property looks forward to impressing its members and guests, from all parts of the globe, for many decades to come. □

40 years of countless memories Playa Linda down through the decades

Playa Linda officially marks its 40th anniversary this year in July. Its long history is full of island firsts as it continues to fulfill the vacation goals of its many members and guests.

1953 – 1978: Before the Playa Linda there was Playa Linda's idyllic location, with one of the best spots on Palm Beach used for the island's first beachfront hotel. Plans for the "Basiroeti" were first formed in 1953 and realized in 1957, when the "Basi-Ruti" first officially opened its doors. The collection of bungalows spread along Palm Beach was picturesque as well as historic, hosting the then Dutch Princess Beatrix on a visit to Aruba in 1958.

1981: Construction of the first wing (its south wing) of the Playa Linda first began in 1981. Aruban developer Raymond Maduro had the foresight to realize how successful timeshare could be in Aruba, and after establishing the Aruba Beach Club a few years previously, found the island's second timeshare resort, christened as the Playa Linda Beach Resort.

1983: The first phase of the Playa Linda opened, and was soon followed by the completion of all of its three phases, and quickly established itself as an emblem of island comfort and ambiance. It was the first to put chickees (aka palapas) on the beach, bringing in Seminole Indians from Florida for their construction, and the first resort on Aruba to offer a free-form pool as well as a lush, mature garden.

2005: Sustainable, environmentally-friendly goals came to the forefront with the adoption of ISO 14001 standards. Playa Linda was the first Palm Beach area resort to institute the higher environmental ISO benchmarks, building upon the Green Globe 21 certification it held for many years previous.

2008 – 2011: Playa Linda underwent its first full renovation in its 25th year, and introduced new room categories of townhome, penthouse and spa lanai, and improvement of facilities with a new fitness center, kids activity center and new restaurant and shopping options.

2018: Contemporary aesthetics and the well-established traditions of hospitality were again brought to the forefront when the Playa Linda underwent another major renovation soon after remaking its pool deck the year before, with the introduction of a brand new adult pool option. The 35th year was marked with a brand new lobby, and improved amenities of multi-functional meeting space and luggage room as well as a refresh of all rooms.

2023: Playa Linda is reaching another zenith in its 40th year, with its success based on warm hospitality as well as an ability to heighten the vacation experience, having evolved through various renovations and with services expanded and enhanced with the use of new technologies.

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Another Treasure of Aruba's Beaches: Sea Glass!

NOORD - It is hard to imagine this happening today, but years ago people dumped all kinds of refuse straight into the ocean, including old cars, and their household garbage, which of course included lots of glass. Over the next 30 years the pounding waves cleaned the beach, by breaking down everything but glass and pottery. The pounding waves washed the trash up and down, back and forth. Tons of polished, broken glass pieces were created by the pounding surf. These smoothed, colored glass particles then settled along the sea shore in millions, and that is why you can find these beautiful and colorful pieces on the north shore beaches of Aruba.

Especially on the strip on white sand between the famous Natural Bridge" and the huge red anchor close to "Grapefield" beach you will be able to find your own pieces of sea glass. The sea glass that was created is the product of a very long and interesting process. It can take anywhere from 10 to 30 years to make sea glass. The name for any piece of glass that finds its way to the ocean and tumbles around in the water long enough is "Sea glass.

The colorful pieces of glass are being used for decoration, handcrafts and jewelry!

Once glass makes its way into the ocean, the glass is broken up into shards and is



tumbled around in the water, where sand and other rocks act like sandpaper to smooth out its rough edges. Sometimes as the sea glass is passed through fire, it becomes fire glass, the rarest of sea glass with certain inclusions, just like precious gems.

For years, the water beat against the different kinds of trash being dumped. Glass, household appliances and even motor parts were discarded on the beach. The waves and weather conditions wore down the overwhelming amount of garbage in the water, creating millions of beautiful smooth rocks.



It's hard to believe the short-sighted mistakes we were making that could have potentially ruined these beautiful beaches. But thanks to natural processes, the ocean transformed the trash into the sea glass.

Each colored gem on the beach has its own story.

The ruby red glass stones are typically from old car tail-lights.

Then, the sapphire rocks are the remnants of broken apothecary bottles. The most common and the easiest to find are the brown (Amstel & Polar beer), green (Heineken & Balashi beer) and clear

glass which are the soft much loved "soft drink" bottles.

If you like to see the sea glass for yourself, and be in awe of the power of nature, rent a car or jeep and go explore our deserted beaches on the north side of the island. Make it a fun family day!

Even if we didn't mean to pollute the Beaches how we did, it is inspiring to see just how the earth can correct our mistakes.

Funny, how trash can change into treasures!

Everybody knows that you are not allowed to take local shells home, but the people working at the airport have no problem you taking sea glass home. A few of those pieces make great souvenirs. You can place them in a wine glass or large bottle for decoration and every time you look at it a smile will light up your face thinking back of your unforgettable Aruba vacation! □

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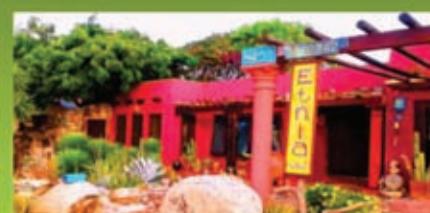
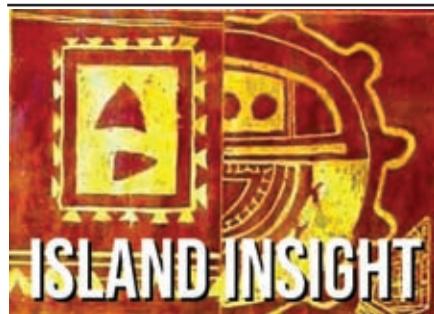
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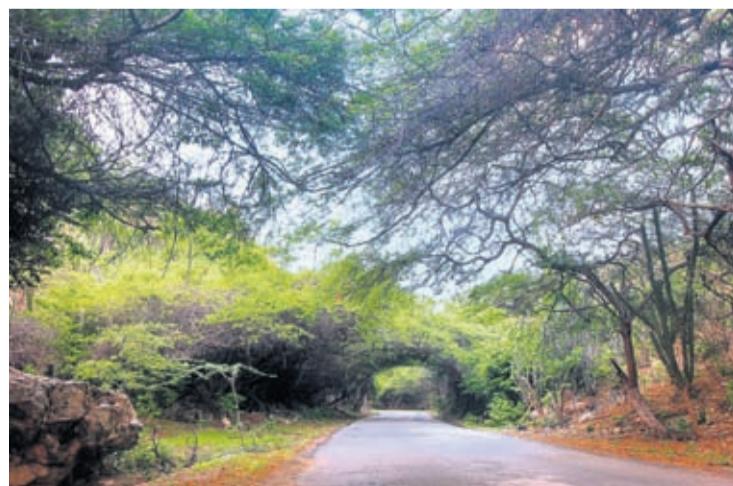
Etnia Nativa, home to a unique cabinet of curiosities in Aruba, focuses on various aspects of native knowledge, transcendental wisdom, and the importance of upholding its uniqueness related to the endemic cultural source of identity. It encourages and educates visitors to embrace a genuine idea of bridging a link with the passionate island.

This episode shares explanations that provide historical context and significance behind the names of various places on the island.

Aruba has interesting names for its places, often derived from native expressions or historical situations and events. For example, Santa Cruz got its name from the tradition that during the time of Spanish colonization, the first cross representing Christianity was erected there. Another place that has changed names many times is Paardenbai (Horses Bay), our port or harbour, received its name since horse traffic occurred at a beach in the area nearby, with horses embarking or disembarking there. Additionally, Commandeurs Baaiis named after the place where the Dutch commander or director of the island lived during the 17th and 18th centuries.

During the end of the Spanish period and the beginning of the 17th century, Aruba experienced invasions by many nations, including French corsairs, due to the expansion of piracy in the Caribbean. In an attempt to thwart the invasion, a local chief, also known as a Cacique, named Gaspeti, confronted the invaders in a narrow pass, which came to be known as "Paso Frances" or Rood Frances. Unfortunately, Gaspeti and his followers were ambushed nearby an elevated grotto called "Canashito." Tragically, their hiding place was revealed when a barking dog gave away their position to the French invaders. Unable to enter the grotto, the invaders lit a fire at its entrance, resulting in the suffocation of many brave individuals.

Other sites in Aruba have names derived from Papiamento, such as "Marawiel," which originated from the time in which they used a steam powered tractor in the goldmining industry. According to an oral tradition passed down through generations, the story goes that one rainy day, the tractor got stuck in the mud, and ropes had to be tied to the wheels to get



it moving again. This incident became the talk of the day since native ingenuous had to be implemented marking a place going uphill as Marawiel, which literally means "to bind the wheel" in Papiamento. In Spanish, the name "Marawiel" translates to "atar la rueda," or "to tie the wheel."

With the curious name of Vader Piet, we encounter another site on the north coast, which translates into English as 'Father Peter.' In 1829, a gentleman named Pieter Lampe resided in the vicinity of that place that held a position of authority in the remote district. Tragically, Pieter Lampe was assassinated. However, was known for his compassionate and helpful nature, so people affectionately referred to him as 'Vader Piet' ('Father Peter' in English), a name that eventually became associated with the region. The fact that the name is in the Dutch language (as 'vader' means 'father') suggests that the Lampe family may have spoken Dutch at home, the language of the Protestants.

Although Sabaneta is the oldest historical settlement and the first capital of the island, its name originated around 1840 when the cultivation of cochineal revitalized the area (as mentioned in episode 92 of Island-Insight). The name "Sabaneta" means 'the small savannah,' possibly to differentiate it from Sabana Grande, which is located fur-

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ther down west.

San Nicolas owes its name to the exploitation of phosphate as a fertilizer in 1879. The name was obtained from a landowner in that area, Nicolas van der Biest. Prior to this, subordinates addressed landowners with their given names, preceded by 'shon,' which means 'sir.' It is said that Shon Nicolas, referring to Nicolas van der Biest, originated the current name of San Nicolas.

Now our island also has many Toponym -place names- that derive from Native American origins, and specifically Native Aruban. Follow us to the next episode and share your experience. Recommended: If you have a keen interest in experiencing Aruba's heritage, a visit to Etnia Nativa is a must. What sets Etnia Nativa apart are the owner's firsthand experience and insights. Their personal touch adds depth and authenticity to the experience, allowing visitors to forge a meaningful connection with the island's history. By engaging, you can gain valuable insights and develop a profound understanding of Aruba's cultural traditions.

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Rhythms Circus Company Aruba: putting Aruba's name on the world stage



Rhythms Circus Company Aruba is a talented group of young people working daily to present their art in the form of acrobatics, dancing, acting and singing. After an impactful participation in one of America's biggest talent shows, they are now bringing their amazing talent to Aruba!

In a show full of light, music, and with performances to famous musical figures like Elvis Presley, Michael Jackson and Tina Turner, the group consisting of 15 people from various countries delights the audience with their artistic prowess at the Paseo Herencia Mall, every Wednesday and Friday starting at 7pm. Each day has a different show, so you can attend both nights for the complete experience!

The group, under the leadership of directors and creators Diego Jaramillo and Yamila Hernandez are opening the doors to the ballroom to our local audience as well as our visitors so that everyone can have the privilege of experiencing this wonderful show.

Hernandez explained that the idea for

this project started in 2010 when she came to work in Aruba. After being on the island for a while she decided to stay and live here, and she met Diego Jaramillo, who is currently her partner. Together they came with the idea to establish a company together with other professional artists, with the goal of living from their art.

Hernandez says that the work is hard – all of the performers are professional artists, and while the production of the show is not a challenge for them, selling the idea proved difficult since at the time, there weren't any shows of its kind on the island.

America's Got Talent

Currently they are offering a show with music, choreography and at the end, they have a shocking acrobatics ending, one that was seen by thousands of people around the world when the group travelled to Los Angeles in the United States to represent Aruba in America's Got Talent. Hernandez said that the show was very important for them to meet the public present because people could experience this performance live and right before their eyes.

Their presentation in America's Got Talent "was incredible" and they were able to meet the jury and many other artists staying there for three months. But the exhaustion and physical toll was so great that Diego suffered an accident, and because of this, they had to cancel all future commitments.

"This is work for which you must have a lot of respect. Circus as such implies a lot of risk, we have to give all of ourselves, we need to be in a physical state where you cannot stop training, there needs to be steadfastness; but if you go past the



limit, your body cannot handle it. It seems that during this tour we went over the limit and Diego was injured right when we had to go sign up for the next part of the tour with America's Got Talent. That was frustrating," Yamila explained.

Thanks to their performance in America's Got Talent, they received a lot of offers. However, before that they travelled to Hungary, to the Budapest Circus Festival, and afterwards they decided to return to and remain in Aruba to show their talents up close at home.

Future projects

Next month in July the group is travelling to Italy to perform at the show "Tu si que vales", and in August they are travelling to France for the program "La France a un Incroyable Talent", completing their travels in November in China, to perform at the Wuqiao International Circus Festival.

Even so, "these are short tours of maximum two weeks, because we are committed to our show in Aruba," Yamila explained.

Reservations and tickets

To make a reservation to see this incredible display of creativity and acrobatics, scan the QR code which will take you directly to their website for a booking. To find more information about RCCA, please visit their Instagram page @rccaruba.□



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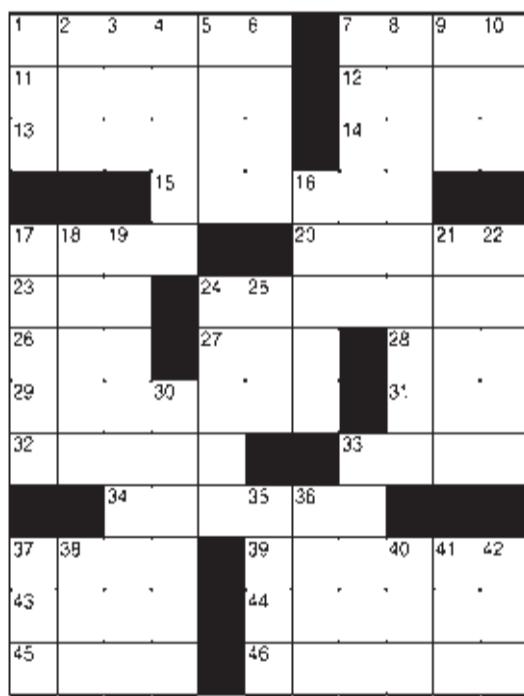
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Yesterday's answer



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Yesterday's Cryptoquote: THEN JOIN HAND IN HAND, BRAVE AMERICANS ALL! BY UNITING WE STAND, BY DIVIDING WE FALL. — JOHN DICKINSON

Retailers, beware: Resumption of student loan payments could lead some buyers to pull back



A shopper passes a display of televisions on sale in a Costco warehouse Thursday, June 22, 2023, in Colorado Springs, Colo. Associated Press

By PAUL WISEMAN

AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) —

The reprieve is over. Just as the American economy is struggling with high inflation and interest rates, the coming resumption of student loan payments poses yet another potential challenge. The suspension of federal student loan payments, which took effect at the height of the pandemic in 2020, expires late this summer. Interest will start accruing again in September. Payments will resume in October.

Though many hoped their loans might at least be lightened, the Supreme Court last week struck down a Biden administration plan that would have given millions of people some relief from the return of the loan payments. The Biden plan would have canceled up to \$20,000 in federal student loans for 43 million borrowers; 20 million would have had their loans erased entirely. The court ruled that the plan exceeded the government's authority.

The restart of those payments will force many people to start paying hundreds of dollars in loans each month money they had been spending elsewhere for the past three years. Their pullback in spending on goods and services won't likely make

a serious dent in the \$26 trillion U.S. economy, the world's largest. Any pain instead will likely be concentrated in a few industries, notably e-commerce companies, bars and restaurants and some major retailers.

Even if all that won't be enough to weaken overall economic growth, the shift in spending by many young adults could inject further uncertainty into an economy already beset by uncertainties, from whether the Fed will manage to tame inflation and halt its interest rate hikes to whether a recession is destined to strike by next year, as many economists still fear. Josh Bivens, chief economist at the Economic Policy Institute think tank, suggested that the likely hit to the economy might amount to perhaps one-third of a percentage point of gross domestic product the nation's total output of goods and services or about \$85 billion or \$90 billion a year. □



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Grammys CEO on new AI guidelines: Music that contains AI-created elements is eligible. 'Period.'

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LOS ANGELES (AP) — Last month, the Recording Academy announced a series of changes to the Grammy Awards to better reflect an evolving music industry. Of those newly instituted guidelines, protocols involving technological advancements in machine learning sparked headlines: "Only human creators" could win the music industry's highest honor in a decision aimed at the use of artificial intelligence in popular music.

"A work that contains no human authorship is not eligible in any category," the rules read in part.

As the music industry continues to come to terms with this new technology, so too will the Grammys, says Recording Academy CEO and President Harvey Mason jr.

"Here's the super easy, headline statement: AI, or music that contains AI-created elements is absolutely eligible for entry and for consideration for Grammy nomination. Period," Mason told The Associated Press. "What's not going to happen is we are not going to give a Grammy or Grammy nomination to the AI portion."

If an AI or voice modeling



Harvey Mason jr., CEO of The Recording Academy, appears at the 63rd annual Grammy Awards in Los Angeles on March 14, 2021.

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program performs the lead vocal on a song, the track would be eligible in a songwriting category, for example, but not a performance category, because "what is performing is not human creation," he explains. "Conversely, if a song was sung by an actual human in the studio, and they did all the performing, but AI wrote the lyric or the track, the song would not be eligible in a composition or a songwriting category."

"As long as the human is

contributing in a more than de minimis amount, which to us means a meaningful way, they are and will always be considered for a nomination or a win," he continued. "We don't want to see technology replace human creativity. We want to make sure technology is enhancing, embellishing, or additive to human creativity. So that's why we took this particular stand in this award cycle."

The Recording Academy has long considered set-

ting rules related to AI following the popularity of new songs created alongside AI technology: David Guetta's "Emin-AI-em", the AI -compositions of TikTok user @ghostwriter977, Grimes' voice modeling AI software.

In order to establish their AI guidelines, the Recording Academy engaged in extensive research, including holding tech summits.

"I've met with the copyright office. We've talked about the future and what

that looks like on a federal level and the legislative level," Mason said, adding that AI conversations "really came to a head in the last six months."

The new Grammy AI protocols were announced three days after Paul McCartney shared that "the last Beatles record" had been composed using artificial intelligence to extract John Lennon's voice from an old demo. Without knowing the extent of the technology, Mason couldn't confirm or deny whether the song would be eligible for a Grammy nomination.

"We'll see what it turns out to be," he said. "But I would imagine from the early descriptions that I've heard there would be components of the creation that would be absolutely eligible."

So, can Grammy viewers expect to see work at least partially created with AI nominated for an award as early as next year?

It's impossible to predict what is submitted. But as Mason affirms, "people are using the technology. I'm imagining it's going to be involved in a lot of records a lot of songs this year, so we'll see if some of them get nominated or not, but I'm sure there'll be some that will be submitted." □

Vietnam bans 'Barbie' movie due to an illustration showing China's territorial claim

HANOI, Vietnam (AP) — Vietnam's state media have reported that the government banned distribution of the popular "Barbie" movie because it includes a view of a map showing disputed Chinese territorial claims in the South China Sea.

The newspaper Vietnam Express and other media said posters advertising "Barbie" were removed from movie distributors' websites after Monday's decision. With Margot Robbie playing Barbie opposite

Ryan Gosling's Ken in Greta Gerwig's comedic look at their "perfect" world, "Barbie" was supposed to open July 21 in Vietnamese theaters. The reports cited Vi Kien Thanh, director general of the Vietnam Cinema Department, as saying the National Film Evaluation Council made the decision. It said a map in the film shows China's "nine-dash line," which extends Beijing's territorial claims far into waters that fall within areas claimed by Vietnam and other countries. □

The "nine-dash line" is an arcane but sensitive issue for China and its neighbors that shows Beijing's maritime border extending into areas claimed by other governments and encompasses most of the South China Sea. That has brought it into tense standoffs with the ASEAN nations of Indonesia, Vietnam, Malaysia, Brunei and the Philippines, with Chinese fishing boats and military vessels becoming more aggressive in the disputed waters. □



Ryan 2023, at the Four Seasons Hotel in Los Angeles. Gosling, from left, Greta Gerwig and Margot Robbie arrive at a photo call for "Barbie" on June 25,

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Philipsen makes it back-to-back Tour de France stage wins, Yates keeps overall lead

NOGARO, France (AP) — Belgian rider Jasper Philipsen won a mass sprint to earn a second straight stage victory at the Tour de France on Tuesday, while Adam Yates kept the race leader's yellow jersey heading into the Pyrenees mountains.

Philipsen followed up his win on Monday's third stage and was once again expertly helped into position to attack by his Alpecin-Deceuninck teammate and Mathieu van der Poel. Philipsen showcased his pure speed by holding off Australian rider Caleb Ewan at the line to underline his credentials to win the sprinter's green jersey with another impressive performance. Philipsen's countryman Wout van Aert won it last year.

"Caleb was right next to me. I wasn't too confident. He almost caught up with me at the end, it was really nerve-wracking," Philipsen said. "I'm extremely proud to have won twice in a row. The finish was super fast, we felt like race cars. There were wide turns that sometimes tightened."

German rider Phil Bauhaus was third to make it the same top three finishers as Monday, with Ewan beating Bauhaus this time.



Belgium's Jasper Philipsen, left, sprints ahead of Australia's Caleb Ewan to win the fourth stage of the Tour de France cycling race over 182 kilometers (113 miles) with start in Dax and finish in Nogaro, France, Tuesday, July 4, 2023.

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Several riders behind them crashed as they jostled for position on the final straight. The 181.8-kilometer (112.7-mile) route from Dax to Nogaro in southwestern France was almost totally flat and again favored sprinters.

On the eve of the Tour's first mountain stage a difficult Pyrenean trek riders were keen to save some energy. The peloton started at a leisurely pace with no team prepared to place a rider in a breakaway. So there

was time to glance over and take in some of the countryside scenery, such as the 12th-century Saint-Saturnin church.

The gentle procession was interrupted when the first attack came about 100 kilometers (62 miles) out, when Frenchmen Benoît Cosnefroy and Anthony Delaplace formed a breakaway. They were still together when they got over the day's only ascent the modest Côte de Dému is small compared to

Wednesday's climbs but were caught with 25 kilometers (15.5 miles) remaining.

The closing stages were around a circuit with a smooth tarmac, but that didn't make it easier for Danish sprinter Fabio Jakobsen, who fell off his bike, and several other riders fell as they clipped barriers in a nervy finish.

But the Belgian-born Dutchman Van der Poel showed both his class and his race craft by timing an attack

on the left and putting Philipsen in an ideal position from which he made no mistake.

"I'm really glad I didn't hit the deck. I saw there were a lot of falls," Philipsen said. "You also need some luck, but when you have someone like Mathieu with you, even in a difficult situation where everything is on a razor edge, he manages to bring us back to the front." It effectively gave Philipsen a hat trick of sprint-stage wins after winning the last stage of last year's Tour.

"My goal in this Tour was to win a stage," he said. "We already ticked that box yesterday. Now, we want more. And we want to go for the points (green jersey)." Meanwhile, Yates maintained his six-second lead over two-time Tour winner Tadej Pogačar of Slovenia and his twin brother Simon Yates in third.

"We'll see how it plays out tomorrow. I think it's the very first chance for a breakaway, so all hell will break loose at the start," said Yates, who rides for UAE Team Emirates.

"Then, there are the bonuses on the last climb, so it's going to be a bit difficult for me (to keep the yellow jersey). But we're lucky to have Tadej on our team." □

Saints' tight end Moreau says his cancer is in 'full remission'

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Saints tight end Foster Moreau says he is in "full remission" from cancer that team doctors discovered in late March.

"After a few tumultuous months, I've been blessed with the news that I am in full remission from Hodgkin Lymphoma!" the 26-year-old Moreau posted on social media. "I'm so grateful to everyone who reached out to offer their love and support; our prayers were answered. From here I will continue to live my life as God intended."

Moreau's signing with the Saints would have come

with considerable fanfare in Louisiana even without the unusual and compelling circumstances surrounding his health. He grew up in New Orleans and played for LSU before the Las Vegas Raiders made him a fourth-round draft choice in 2019, when the club was based in Oakland.

Now entering his fifth season, he was considering the possibility of continuing his pro football career in his home town when Dr. John Amoss, the Saints' team physician, noticed an enlarged lymph node in Moreau's left clavicle in late March. Amoss' discov-

ery led to a diagnosis of Hodgkin lymphoma, and Moreau initially announced that he would pause his NFL career to focus on his health.

Hodgkin lymphoma is a form of cancer that affects the immune system.

After further testing, Moreau said, doctors determined he had a rare but very treatable form of the disease, nodular lymphocyte-predominant Hodgkin lymphoma (or NLPHL). His treatment consisted of between six and eight hours of a drip infusion for one day about six weeks ago, he said, followed by

several weeks of medication that was either ingest-

ed or injected into his stomach area. □



New Orleans Saints tight end Foster Moreau walks between drills during NFL football practice in Metairie, La., May 23, 2023.

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Andy Murray gets a win at rainy Wimbledon and a thumbs-up from Roger Federer

By HOWARD FENDRICH

AP Tennis Writer

WIMBLEDON, England (AP)

— On a day filled with far more rain drops than drop shots at Wimbledon light, but persistent, showers prevented the completion, or even start, of dozens of matches Roger Federer and Andy Murray provided the highlights.

The retired Federer, who won a men's-record eight of his 20 Grand Slam titles at the All England Club, was in the front row of the Royal Box, where he sat next to Kate, the Princess of Wales. Federer was saluted with a 1 1/2-minute standing ovation during a pre-match tribute to his career at Centre Court on Tuesday.

Hours later, Murray was down below, competing.

Murray won two of his three Grand Slam titles and one of his two Olympic gold medals on that rather famous patch of grass and even if those triumphs were long ago; even if he is now 36 with an artificial hip the locals fondly remember those good times, especially his 2013 championship that made him the first British man in 77 years to win the event. They hope for an attention-grabbing show this fortnight, so Murray got most of the full-throated support that reverberated



Britain's Andy Murray plays a return to Britain's Ryan Peniston during the first round men's singles match on day two of the Wimbledon tennis championships in London, Tuesday, July 4, 2023.

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under the closed roof of the main stadium during a 6-3, 6-0, 6-1 victory over wild-card entry Ryan Peniston in an all-Brit first-round match.

"It was amazing to have some royalty here, but also some tennis royalty, as well," Murray said during his on-court interview, as Kate and Federer looked on.

"It's amazing to have Roger here, supporting the event," Murray said. "Last time I was on this court, and he was watching, was during the (2012) Olympics,

and he sat in (Swiss countryman) Stan Wawrinka's box and was supporting against me. So it was nice to see a couple of claps today after some good shots."

When the interviewer looked toward the guest of honor to ask, "Roger, you approve of today's performance?" Federer responded with a thumbs-up.

Peniston's assessment of Murray: "He was just relentless on every point."

Murray sounded pleased as well after claiming all 11

of his service games, breaking four times and going 17-for-17 at the net.

"I played some good stuff as the match went on. There were some good signs there," he said.

"It's been a long time since I've felt sort of physically this good coming into Wimbledon. The last few years have been very challenging. I'm hoping I'm fit and ready for a good run."

At his age and with his two hip operations plus other assorted setbacks, Murray is not considered among

the leading favorites.

That is a short list that leads with two names and does not include many more: Novak Djokovic, who has won seven of his 23 major titles at Wimbledon, and Carlos Alcaraz, who is ranked No. 1.

The 20-year-old Alcaraz put on his usual display of variety and athleticism he hit one shot by wrapping his racket around his body and swinging from behind his back while on the run, making contact but sending the ball long while beating the about-to-retire Jeremy Chardy 6-0, 6-2, 7-5. Like Murray, Alcaraz was never truly troubled by his opponent.

Unlike Murray, Alcaraz played at No. 1 Court, so he did not get to perform for Federer.

And, boy, was Alcaraz bitter about that.

"After the match, I was (on) the phone checking everything ... all the stories, all the posts. I saw that Roger Federer was here. I was a little bit jealous," he said with a smile, wearing a white hoodie and bucket hat at his news conference.

"Honestly, I want Roger Federer to watch one of my matches, obviously. I (want) to talk a little bit with him. For me, (that) would be amazing." □

Torres' 2-run homer leads Yankees over Orioles 8-4

By RONALD BLUM
AP Baseball Writer

Gleyber Torres hit a two-run homer and scored the go-ahead run from first base on Giancarlo Stanton's fifth-inning single, leading the New York Yankees over the Baltimore Orioles 8-4 Tuesday.

Aaron Hicks homered in his second game back in the Bronx after Yankees released him on May 26 and Adam Frazier followed with a tying, two-run homer in a three-run fifth against Clarke Schmidt. Frazier went deep after a catch-

able fly by Jordan Westburg that left fielder Osvaldo Cabrera broke in on and played into a double. With the score 3-3 in the fifth, Torres walked and was running on a full-count, two-out pitch to Stanton, who singled up the middle. Center fielder Cedric Mullins tossed the ball to second as Torres ran through third base coach Luis Rojas' stop sign and slid head-first across the plate. Jose Trevino added an opposite-field homer to right in the seventh against Nick Vespi. Harrison Bader fol-

lowed a two-run double against Bryan Baker, a day after Bader's tiebreaking, three-run homer lifted New York to a 6-3 win in the series opener.

Torres hit his 13th homer in the first off Kyle Gibson and Isiah Kiner-Falefa's fourth-inning sacrifice fly boosted the Yankees' lead to 3-0. In a game delayed by rain 38 minutes at the start, Schmidt (4-6) won consecutive starts for the first time this year. He allowed three runs and five hits in five-plus innings with seven strikeouts and



New York Yankee's Gleyber Torres hits a two run homer in the first inning of a baseball game against the Baltimore Orioles, Tuesday, July 4, 2023, in New York.

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no walks.

Ron Marinaccio relieved after Adley Rutschman's leadoff single in the sixth and walked a pair of batters before retiring West-

burg on a popup that left the bases loaded. Gibson threw a season-high 104 pitches, giving up four runs, three hits and four walks in six innings. □